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MARRIAGES.

HUGHES-JONES—WILKINSON.—On August 1st, at St. Paul's Church, Knightsbridge, by the Rev. J. H. Light, Vicar of Great Marlow, Bucks, assisted by the Rev. J. A. Williams, Picton Owen, second son of the late Rev. T. Hughes-Jones, Vicar of Nevern, Pembrokeshire, and of Mrs. Hughes-Jones, West Hampstead, to Eleanor Mary Edith, eldest daughter of the late George William Wilkinson, of Old Wolverton, Bucks, and of Mrs. Wilkinson, of Stony Stratford, Bucks.—(From the *Morning Post*.)

PYPER—MELLIS SMITH.—At St. Cuthbert's Episcopal Church, Colinton, on September 6th, by Rev. J. C. Pyper, brother of the bridegroom, assisted by the Ven. Archdeacon Luckman, Colinton, the Rev. Richard Bevan Pyper, third son of the late Rev. Thomas Pyper, Vicar of New Radford, Nottingham, to Elizabeth Agnes, eldest daughter of the late Rev. George Smith, Swatow, China, and Mrs. Mellis Smith, Lanmoor, Colinton, Mid-Lothian.

NOTICES.

Miss Gray wishes to make one final appeal to those students who have not yet paid their subscriptions for 1911, and reminds all students that those for 1912 fall due in January. It is such a great help when these subscriptions are paid promptly.

Students will remember that the Students' Meeting on December 2nd is to be held at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, by kind invitation of Miss Mew. She very much hopes that a large number of students will avail themselves of the opportunity of seeing something of the Hospital, and has very kindly invited us to tea in her room. The Hospital is next door to the General Post Office, and is only a few minutes' walk from the "Post Office" station on the Tube, and there are, of course, several 'buses that go quite close to one or other of the three entrances: one in Little Britain, one in Smithfield, and one in Giltspur Street. If students will inquire at either entrance for "Sister Faith" they will be shown to Miss Mew's room, and she will be pleased to welcome us there from 3 to 3.30. Will all who hope to be there kindly let Miss Mew know, so that she may have some idea how many to expect.

Although still a long way ahead, will all students who hope to be able to go to the Mint on February 3rd send in their names to Miss Gray, 5, Old Palace Lane, Richmond, early in December, as application for admission has to be sent in weeks in advance, and one must have some definite idea of the number who expect to be able to go. Further details will be published in the January L'UMILE PIANTA.

Mrs. Franklin has very kindly invited students to hold the meeting of January 6th, 1912, at 50, Porchester Terrace, as she is anxious to speak to us about the celebration of the twenty-first birthday of the P.U. School. She hopes that a large number of students will be able to meet on that occasion to discuss the matter. Will all those who can be present kindly reply to Mrs. Franklin a few days before the meeting, so that she may know how many students to expect.

In the January number of L'UMILE PIANTA it is intended to publish the annual Complete List of Addresses. Will all students therefore kindly send in their addresses to the Editor (Miss Wix, Preshaw, Upham, Hants) now, by return of post. It will also be a great help if students will mention to what

year they belong, and make quite clear which is their home and which their post address. Names should be written with minute exactness; so much confusion arises between T, I, and J, also u and n, etc.

The next number of L'UMILE PIANTA will appear on January 15th. All communications should reach the Editor not later than December 20th, and should be addressed to Preshaw as usual.

REPORT OF THE S.E.C. MEETING.

Held at 13, Chilworth Street. October 14th, 1911.

Those present:—Miss Kitching, Mrs. Hughes-Jones, Misses Evans, Davis, Franklin, and Gray.

The greater part of the time of the meeting was taken up with a discussion which arose from a letter which had been received protesting against the publication of all the Conference papers and discussions in the *Parents' Review*. After thoroughly talking the matter over, we thought the general opinion of the students was quite in favour of articles and papers being reprinted from our own magazine in the *Parents' Review*, but that we should prefer to keep our discussions for students' reading only. The following resolution was passed: "That while we feel much honoured that the articles and papers written for the *Plant* should be reprinted in the *Parents' Review*, we should prefer that the extracts be limited to these only, and that the Editor should be consulted as before." It was decided to send this resolution to Miss Mason with a short letter of explanation.

We have since heard from Miss Mason, and her letter is as follows: "I am very much obliged to you for telling me of the students' feelings about the publication of their discussions. I entirely agree with them. The fear of publication would check discussions in the future. I am afraid my point of view was that they and their doings are a public interest

and, to some extent, a public property—which is very flattering, is it not? I like now and then to let people see a little of the dear people through the pages of the *Parents' Review*, and I thought the discussions so simple and sound that there could be no objection to their appearing; but I am glad to know the students' view to guide me on future occasions."

One other matter was brought to the notice of the Committee. A letter had been received from Mrs. Douglas Wilson (Secretary of the Children's Country Holiday Fund) suggesting that a student should be appointed to serve on the committee of that fund. We thought it an excellent idea, and Miss Mabel Conder's name was suggested, she being specially suitable, as her work brings her so closely into touch with the children who benefit by the Fund. We have since heard from Miss Conder that she will be much pleased to do this.

The question of the Teaching of Drawing was again brought forward as exercising the mind of some students, and we thought it would be a good plan for Miss Wix—as Editor—to write to Miss Sumner and ask whether she would kindly send a paper on the subject to L'UMILE PIANTA. This was done, and Miss Sumner's reply is published in this number. It is very much to be hoped that *many* students will avail themselves of this opportunity, and write to Miss Sumner *now* and lay their difficulties before her, remembering to leave her sufficient time to write the promised paper by December 20th, so that it may appear in the January number.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

KELBORROW, GRASMERE.

October 20th.

DEAR EDITOR,

It will give me great pleasure to help in the teaching of drawing in any way I can, and if any of the students will tell me where their difficulties lie with their scholars, and what

successes their scholars have in drawing, it will give some idea of what is wanted. The only hint which comes to mind at first, of itself, is that the teacher takes her part as a worker with the children, not as an instructor to tell what is done. If the attitude of fellow-worker is not adopted in sincerity, there does not seem to be any place for the teacher at all in art work. If any lead as to what is wanted can be sent, I will try to answer. I feel the drawing lesson as a difficulty at the Practising School, and know that I have the advantage of being able without effort to sit down and work with the classes.—Yours, etc.,

—MARGARET L. SUMNER.

12, MALCOLM ROAD,

WIMBLEDON, S.W.

October 9th, 1911.

DEAR EDITOR,

May I draw the attention of your readers to the above address, which I may very highly recommend as an exceedingly comfortable home for any girl at work in or near London. I hope some Scale How student may be able to avail herself of the opportunity of coming here, or let her friends know the address, as I know it is difficult to find a house where one has pleasant companions and where everything is well managed. Applications should be made to Miss Stansfeld.—Yours, etc.,

—HILDA C. BIGGAR.

STUDENTS' MEETING.

In accordance with the arrangement announced in the last number of the *Plant*, the first students' meeting of this season was at Kew Gardens on October 7th. The "meeting" took the form of a very pleasant ramble through some of the green-houses and parts of the garden. The elements were not very propitious, and perhaps that was why so few turned up; anyhow, the weather certainly did not damp the ardour of those present.

We were fortunate in having Miss Gray with us, as she knows the gardens well, and piloted us about, so that we probably saw more in the time than we should otherwise have done.

In one of the first greenhouses we entered there was a fine specimen of the *Victoria Regia*. It is a water plant, and this particular one has five large flat leaves, each about 4 feet in diameter, lying on the water, each being connected to the root by thick rope-like stalks. The undersides of these leaves were covered with coarse dark red spikes. On the extreme edge of one of them a large delicate pink flower was in full bloom. We were fortunate to see it so as each flower only blooms for twenty-four hours and then withers. The other buds did not look as though they would flower for some days. From there we went into another house and saw the pitcher plants. These are most curious, and alone are well worth a visit. They varied greatly in size, being anything from 2 inches to $1\frac{1}{2}$ feet in length. These are, as you know, carnivorous plants, and have a most formidable row of "teeth" near the top so arranged that it is practically impossible for any insect to get out when once entrapped.

Some of them felt very heavy. If this was due to a very plentiful larder we could not make out, as most of them were too high up to look down into them. We were told that cockroaches visit this plant in large numbers, but as it takes about a month for one to be devoured, we wondered if any of them were lucky enough to get out again by climbing over the backs of their brethren.

Some of the orchids were very beautiful, especially one, in shape rather like the wild bee orchis, but more fragile even, and a very pale pink streaked with white. The large purple lilies in some of the houses were also wonderful, but the heat in these places was so awful that it somewhat marred the pleasure of being there, otherwise one could have spent hours amid these wonders of tropical countries growing here in all their natural profusion. In the gardens some of the smaller

trees had already turned lovely coppery colours, but another fortnight or three weeks will bring the colours to perfection, when—

"Bright leaves whose decay—
Red, yellow, or ethereally pale—
Rival the pride of summer."

Lastly we visited the collection of pictures left by Miss North, the great traveller, to Kew Gardens. There are upwards of 400 of them, and they are paintings of flowers which she has found all over the world. They are all grouped according to the different countries they belong to, and form a most interesting and unique collection. It seemed amazing to think that they could all be the work of one person, each one containing such minute and exquisite detail.

We ended with tea and a little gossip, and then wended our respective ways home again. N.

LETTER FROM PRESENT STUDENTS.

SCALE HOW,

October, 1911.

DEAR EX-STUDENTS,

We returned to Scale How on September 27th. Of course, it poured with rain for our arrival; but since then we have had it very fine, and the autumn tints are especially beautiful.

We had only been back a few days when we were told to choose our lessons for Mr. Browning, who was expected on October 17th. Naturally our energies were absorbed in the preparations for this ordeal, and nothing of note happened until the arrival of Mrs. Franklin on Friday, October 13th, to stay the week-end. In the evening she told us her experiences in Sweden, where she had recently been as an English delegate to the Conference of the International Union of Women Workers. Needless to say, she took the opportunity of talking about the P.N.E.U., and was able to collect two large and interested audiences in Stockholm. She told us of

the enthusiasm that was everywhere shown for the aims of the Conference—that is, the furtherance of the interests of women workers all over the world. Mrs. Franklin had visited many institutions, and what chiefly struck us about those she described was the personal note introduced into public effort. For instance, in the Foundling Hospital in Stockholm the babies are not herded together, but are distributed amongst so many rooms as to be very like the conditions of a home nursery.

On Saturday evening the Juniors gave us an excellent entertainment that they had arranged at very short notice. It was in two parts—Part I., *Pyramis and Thisbe*; Part II., Pictures from *Punch* acted. The latter was to us a new idea, and was greatly appreciated.

Mr. Browning came on Monday night, and immediately chose the lessons. The following is a programme of the proceedings during his visit:—

TUESDAY.

- 9.30.—Students' Lessons.
- 12.15.—Gymnasium.
- 12.45.—Tonic Sol-fa.
- 2.0.—Inspection of Handicrafts.
- 4.30.—English Reading.
- 5.45.—Exhibition of Morris Dances.
- 8.0.—Lecture from Mr. Browning on "Mozart."

WEDNESDAY (STAFF LESSONS).

- 9.30.—French.
- 10.0.—Juniors' Drawing from Miss Sumner.
- 10.30.—German.
- 11.0.—Architecture from Miss Drury.
- 11.30.—Latin.
- 12.0.—History of Mathematics from Miss Stephens.
- 12.30.—Italian.
- 4.0.—At Home, and Lecture from Mr. Browning on "The Moors in Spain."

THURSDAY.

9.30-12.45.—Oral Language Examinations.

Owing to other excitements there have been as yet no drawing-room evenings.

The Poetry Club has met twice—October 17th, Milton; October 21st, Thackeray. This Club is in a flourishing condition, and we hope with the accumulated pennies at the end of the year to present a book to the Library.

We had our first game of hockey on Friday, October 20th. Feeling that there has not been enough interest taken in the game, we are now arranging to have badges that will serve to distinguish the sheep from the goats.

Quite soon after the beginning of term we heard the results of the Botany examination. There was one first-class, four failures, and the rest were second-class. Mr. Martindale now comes to Scale How to give the Botany lectures, which are now on Thursdays. On account of this the half-holiday has been changed from Wednesday to Thursday. To celebrate Hallow'en the Seniors hope to give a party to the Juniors.—Yours sincerely,

THE PRESENT STUDENTS.

SCOUTING NEWS.

Last term the Peewits did very little scouting, partly on account of the hot weather, and also because the "long halves" were such a good opportunity for taking really long walks. We are hoping to do a good deal of work this term, and to have successful games too. "Hares and Hounds" is planned for next week. Some of the tests for Tassel Honours have been slightly altered. We hope to send an account of the changes we are making, and a report of the term's work, to the next number of L'UMILE PIANTA.

Scale How, Ambleside.

October 29th, 1911.